

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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As your school counselor, I am also a contact person for several community programs that may be of interest to you. Please note that the following programs are in place again this year at Westgate:

- **Children's Behavioral Health** is a resource for families whose child attends a Westside School. Children's recognizes the benefits of treating not just the child and adolescent, but their families as well. Two visits are part of the Westside/Children's contract and are at no expense to the family.
- **Westside Clothing Closet** is a resource to help families (adult and children) with clothing needs year round.
- **Operation School Bell** is a resource in the community that offers clothing and other items to children as needed. The clothing is new, and the service is confidential and free to families that meet qualifications. There is a cap on the number of students that can be referred from each school.
- **Westside Coat Closet** is another resource that can provide a professionally cleaned, gently used jacket or coat to children. Some coats are also available for adults. The Coat Closet is open year round.
- **The Omaha Food Bank** offers **The Backpack Program** to students at our school. The Backpack Program provides ingredients for healthy meals for children for the weekend. The food is delivered to the school for children to bring home in a bag on Fridays and have for the weekend.
- **District Food Pantry** is a resource for families in need of food during the school year and summer.
- **Holiday Assistance** During the winter holiday season there will be more opportunities for assistance. We have several churches and organizations that help our Westgate families with gifts during the Holiday season.

I encourage you to contact me if you are interested in these services, or with any questions.

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